UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 12, 1967

FROM : J. H. Gale

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
DALLAS, TEXAS
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

Officer Raymond Comstock, New Orleans Police Department, assisting an investigator of District Attorney Garrison's office, has asked the New Orleans Office for copies of material he previously furnished to the FBI in 1964. This is presumed to be in connection with Garrison's investigation of the assassination. New Orleans requested Bureau advice.

On February 13, 1964, Comstock advised the New Orleans Office he was assigned to the District Attorney's office and shortly after the assassination was attempting to locate David W. Ferrie, an alleged associate of Lee Harvey Oswald. During an attempt to locate Ferrie, Comstock secured some documents from Ferrie's residence. These were two undated letters addressed to Jack Wasserman signed D. W. Ferrie with a return address in Guatemala, one letter appears to be a corrected copy of the other; an undated letter addressed to Jack signed Dave; an undated letter addressed to Jose Juis LaRoca, Guatemala and the first page of Ferrie's bank book with the Whitney National Bank of New Orleans. Comstock obtained this material without a warrant and Ferrie was not present. Subsequently, Ferrie was located and the original material returned to him. Comstock furnished copies of this material to the New Orleans Office February 13, 1964. Ferrie, now deceased, was a notorious homosexual in New Orleans and a principal character in Garrison's assassination investigation.

The material Comstock furnished indicates Ferrie was in Guatemala making inquiries on behalf of Jack Wasserman, attorney for Carlos Marcello. During 1963,

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
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RE: Assassination of President
John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Marcello, a leading New Orleans hoodlum, was being prosecuted in Federal Court for Fraud Against the Government - Conspiracy in connection with attempts to secure fraudulent birth records in Guatemala. Marcello was found not guilty November 22, 1963. During the trial, Ferrie was observed in frequent contact with principal defense attorneys, Wasserman and G. Wray Gill. Ferrie, on interview by Bureau Agents in 1963, stated he had been employed by Gill since 1962 and had worked on the Marcello case during 1963. He also admitted visiting Guatemala in October and November, 1963. Ferrie exhibited his passport which confirmed this travel.

Copies of the material furnished by Comstock were sent to the Department by memorandum March 21, 1964. It was also furnished the United States Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana

While a review of this material, as it relates to the Marcello case, does not reveal any reason to withhold return of copies to Comstock, it is believed desirable that the matter be referred to the U. S. Attorney's office in New Orleans for a determination as to whether he has any objections to the return of this material. Since this matter concerns the assassination, the attached airtel and the material in question are being routed through the General Investigative Division and the Domestic Intelligence Division for review and approval as Ferrie is a deceased principal in Garrison's investigation.

ACTION:

(1) Route through the General Investigative Division and the Domestic Intelligence Division for review and approval.

(2) Recommend New Orleans be advised that Comstock's request should be referred to the U. S. Attorney's office in New Orleans for a determination as to whether this material should be returned to Comstock. The New Orleans Office will be directed to contact the U. S. Attorney and advise him of this request. Comstock should be referred to the U. S. Attorney's office for copies of this material if the U. S. Attorney has no objection to its return. Airtel attached for approval. Also attached is a letter to the Attorney General advising him of this request and the action being taken.